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**NEWS RELEASE
FOR DISTRICT FIVE**

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July 20, 2020, Concord, NH - Listed below are some of the items that were approved at the Governor and Council Meeting on July 15, 2020 that might be of interest to District Five constituents.

The next Governor and Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m in Concord, NH.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#C. Authorized to accept and place in file the Report and Findings of Councilor Debora B. Pignatelli with regard to a certain project in participation with Covenant Health Inc., and St. Joseph Hospital of Nashua, NH. **VOTE: 5-0**

#14 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** contract with Harbor Homes Inc., Nashua, NH, to develop infrastructure and provide program support to a growing number of Recovery Centers statewide, in the amount of \$4,550,000. Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. **14.95% General, 56.05% Other Funds (Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs). VOTE: 3-1-0 (Volinsky abstain, Gatsas No)**

#15 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** amendment to an existing contract with Harbor Homes Inc., Nashua, NH, to continue providing a community Transitional Housing Program for adults who have severe mental illness or severe and persistent mental illness, by increasing the price by \$126,000 from \$3,150,000 to \$3,276,000 and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2020 to October 31, 2020. **100% General Funds. VOTE: 3-1-0 (Volinsky abstain, Gatsas No)**

#17 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an existing contract with Harbor Homes Inc., Nashua, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4-19-17, item #14A), to continue providing Mobile Crisis Services and Supports to Region VI, by exercising a contract renewal option, by increasing the price by \$504,537 from \$4,390,839 to \$4,895,376, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2020 to October 31, 2020. **100% General Funds. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Volinsky abstained)**

#20 Authorized to amend existing **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated June 29, 2020, to provide the State Grant in Aid Homeless Assistance program, by modifying the agreements to have individual price limitations instead of shared price limitation for vendors listed in the table and terminating two agreements with vendors as indicated in the table, and decreasing the total price limitation by \$417,396 from \$7,300,000 to \$6,882,604. Effective July 1, 2020 through the original completion date of June 30, 2021. **100% General Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

[#29](#) Authorized to amend the **sole source** contract agreement with Southwestern Community Services, Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12-18-19, item #70), to supplement the Agency's Weatherization Assistance Program, by increasing the amount by \$78,185 from \$78,185 to \$156,370, and by extending the completion date from September 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020. **100% Federal Funds (LIHEAP-US DHHS). VOTE: 5-0**

[#30](#) Authorized to amend the **sole source** contract agreement with Southern NH Services Inc., Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12-18-19, item #68), to supplement the Agency's Weatherization Assistance Program, by increasing the amount by \$215,133 from \$215,133 to \$430,266, and by extending the completion date from September 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020. **100% Federal Funds (LIHEAP-US DHHS). VOTE: 5-0**

[#32](#) Authorized to accept and expend additional agency funds in the amount of \$85,400 to support the licensee professionals' health program. **100% Agency Funds.** (2) Further Authorized the Division of Health Professions to enter into a **sole source retroactive** contract with the NH Professionals Health Program, Amherst, NH, to manage and administer the professionals' health program, in an amount not to exceed \$542,000. Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. **100% Agency Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

[#39](#) Authorized the NH State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with the Piscataquog Land Conservancy, in the amount of \$24,000 for the *Nissitissitt River Headwaters* project in the Town of Mason, Hillsborough County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2022. **100% Other Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

[#60](#) Authorized a loan agreement with the Town of Jaffrey NH, in the amount of \$3,000,000 to finance water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Repayment Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

Informational Items

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

[#A.](#) Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10 and 2020-14, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Information Technology to enter into a **sole source** contract with MTX Group Inc., Troy, NY, for professional services to implement State of NH initiatives related to the COVID-19 crisis, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Effective through March 30, 2021, with the option of a one year renewal. **100% Capital Funds.** (2) Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10 and 2020-14, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Information Technology, on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services, to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract amendment with MTX Group Inc., Troy, NY (originally approved by the Governor on 4-7-20), for professional services to implement State of NH initiatives related to the COVID-19 crisis, by increasing the price by \$429,418 from \$100,000 to \$529,418. Effective March 30, 2020 through March 30, 2021. **100% Federal Funds.**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

[#B.](#) Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to accept and expend Public Assistance Grant Program funds in the amount of \$98,209 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for DR4516 COVID-19 for Crisis Counseling Immediate Services Program from the date of the Governor's approval through June 30, 2021. **100% Federal Funds.**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

[#C.](#) Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to enter into **retroactive sole source** contracts with the vendors as detailed in letter dated June 18, 2020, with a shared price not to exceed \$500,000 for visiting nursing agencies to provide COVID-19 testing for individuals who are unable to access established or mobile testing sites, with the option to renew for up to one additional year, effective May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. **100% General Funds.**

[#D.](#) Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract with The Friends Program Inc., Portsmouth, NH, for decompression of the population in homeless shelters to align operations with Centers for Disease Control recommendations, in the amount of \$30,000. Effective April 11, 2020 through July 12, 2020, with the option to renew for up to one additional year. **100% General Funds.**

[#E.](#) Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to enter into a **retroactive** memorandum of understanding with the NH State Liquor Commission, Concord, NH, for the purpose of offering personal protection equipment face masks to the public and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective May 12, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with the option to renew for up to one additional year.

[#F.](#) Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract with Interim HealthCare of the Northeast Inc., Manchester, NH, to provide temporary staffing to long-term care facilities designated by the Department of Health and Human Services as in need of relief staffing due to staffing shortages related to the COVID-19 pandemic, in the amount of \$400,000. Effective June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, with the option to renew for up to one additional year. **75% Federal, 25% General Funds.**

[#G.](#) Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, and 2020-09, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract with SAFEPASSAGES GROUP INCORPORATED, to provide transportation services for individuals experiencing homelessness to either a Quarantine Facility; a Decompression site; or Community of Origin, in the amount of \$30,000. Effective May 26, 2020 through August 27, 2020, with the option to renew for up to one additional year. **100% General Funds.**

[#H.](#) Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend additional federal funds from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in the amount of \$308,085. Effective through June 30, 2021. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#I.](#) Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to: (1) accept and expend \$46,875,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in support of the COVID-19 response efforts. These initial appropriations will be budgeted as allocated. They represent an anticipated 75% reimbursement from FEMA. Further, DHHS requests the ability to transfer between the accounts noted and into new accounts, as needed without further approval. Effective through June 30, 2021. (2) Transfer general fund appropriations of \$15,625,000 to cover the required FEMA state share match (25%) from the account noted. Further, gave DHHS the ability to transfer between the accounts noted and into new accounts, as needed, without further approval effective through June 30, 2021.

[#J.](#) Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Events United, Derry, NH, for rental equipment for the COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center, by increasing the price by \$1,862 from \$9,520 to \$11,382 and by extending the completion date from August 31, 2020 to October 3, 2020. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#K.](#) Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and

Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, to enter into a **sole source** memorandum of agreement with the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Inc., Atlanta, GA, at no cost to the Department for temporary employees to support the COVID-19 response in NH. Effective upon approval through July 31, 2020, with the option to renew through March 31, 2021.

#L. Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services to accept and expend funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration, entitled Small Hospital Improvement Program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$1,096,121. Effective upon approval through June 30, 2021. **100% Federal Funds.**

#M. Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend additional federal funds from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in the amount of \$2,351,919. Effective through June 30, 2021. **100% Federal Funds.**

#N. Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic and Housing Stability, Concord, NH, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the NH Department of Education, Concord, NH, for data sharing to administer the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer program, at no cost, effective **retroactive** to March 16, 2020, until terminated by either party.

#O. Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic and Housing Stability, Bureau of Housing Supports, to accept and expend the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant fund under the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$189,614. Effective through June 30, 2021.

#P. Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic and Housing Stability, Bureau of Housing Supports, to accept and expend Community Services Block Grant funds under the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$1,372,494. Effective through June 30, 2021. **100% Federal Funds.**

#Q. Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families to accept and expend Child Welfare Services Grant Program Funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$137,578. Effective through June 30, 2021.

#R. Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families to enter into a **retroactive sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Waypoint, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C On 12-20-17, item #13B, to establish the Waypoint Warm Line, developed in response to the threat of COVID-19 in NH, by increasing the price by \$100,000 from \$1,133,844 to \$1,233,844 with no change to the contract completion date of December 31, 2020, effective April 1, 2020. **100% General Funds.**

#S. Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47, and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend additional revenue from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency

Fund (aka CARES Act) Provider Relief Fund in the amount of \$432,287. Effective upon Governor approval through June 30, 2021. This relief fund allocates CARES Act funding directly to healthcare providers for the sole purpose of prevention, preparation and response to the COVID-19. These funds are non-lapsing and transferable only within the accounting unit. **100% Federal Funds.**

#T. Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, and Section 7 of Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09 and 2020-10, Governor Sununu has Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health, to enter into **sole source** contracts with the vendors as detailed in letter dated June 24, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$1,731,950 for crisis intervention services, mental and substance use disorder treatment, and other related recovery supports for youth and adults who are under or uninsured and are impacted by COVID-19, and healthcare professionals. Effective June 23, 2020 through August 19, 2021, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. **100% Federal Funds.**

The Governor nominated the following individuals to serve on State Boards and Commissions

Jessica L. Williams, Ossipee, NH to the Board of Hearing Care Providers
Dena B. Shields, Newbury, NH to the Board of Licensed Dietitians
Lauren Greenwald, Portsmouth, NH to the Board of Psychologists
Lindsey M. Stepp, Holderness, NH as Commissioner, Department of Revenue Administration
Lori A. Weaver, Concord, NH as Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services
Rosemary Wiant, Manchester, NH Division of Administration Director, State Liquor Commission
Scott A. Brooks, New London, NH to the Enhanced 911 Commission
John W. Caveney, Spofford, NH to the Fish and Game Commission
H. Andry Crews, Bedford, NH to the Lottery Commission
Joseph Nash, Manchester, NH to the Mechanical Licensing Board
Steve Howell, North Woodstock to the Passenger Tramway Safety Board
Kassandra S. Ardinger, Concord, NH; Alexander J Walker, Manchester, NH and Gregg R. Tewksbury, Keene NH to the University System of NH Board of Trustees

The Council confirmed the following individuals to serve on State Boards and Commissions

Timothy A. Peloquin, Derry, NH, Board of Land Surveyors
Abby L. Savard, Hooksett, NH, Board of Licensed Dietitians
Andrea S. Lewy, Nottingham, NH, Current Use Advisory Board
Michael D. Todd, Concord, NH, Deputy Director, Division of Motor Vehicle, Department of Safety
Stephen M. Appleby, Bedford, Director, Div. of Educator Support & Higher Education, Department of Education.
Cecily McNair, Epsom, NH, & John T. Stone, Manchester, NH, Enhanced 911 Commission
Peter M. Kendrigan, Brentwood, NH, Mechanical Licensing Board
Allan M. Moses, Portsmouth, NH, New Hampshire Health and Education Facilities Authority
Richard J. Loughton, Jr., Durham, NH, & Gayle E. Troy, Dunbarton, NH, Penalty Appeals Board
Michael J. Gagnon, Derry, NH, State Board of Fire Control

The Executive Council welcomes public input on nominations that are brought forward by the Governor for consideration and confirmation to State Boards and Commissions.

If you have interest in serving on any of the 300+ State Boards or Commissions please send a letter of interest along with a resume, to Jonathan Melanson in care of the Governor's office.

A listing of the Boards and Commissions, along with the qualifications required, can be found at <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm>

Please feel free to contact me with concerns or support for any items we have on our agendas.

Amherst, Antrim, Bennington, Brookline, Deering, Dunbarton, Fitzwilliam, Frankestown, Greenfield, Greenville, Hillsborough, Hollis, Hudson, Jaffrey, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Boston, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Richmond, Rindge, Sharon, Swanzey, Temple, Troy, Weare, Wilton, Windsor and the City of Nashua